

This conference has been scheduled with an eye toward ensuring maximum attendance and participation on the part of all Montana lawyers working with or within the Office of the Montana Public Defender. Because the conference runs concurrently with the Montana Prosecutors' Summer Conference most courts across the state should be dark. Additionally, regional administrators are in contact with their region's judges to try to ensure maximum attendance by all state defenders.

Salaried attorneys and investigators. All salaried defenders and investigators are expected to attend. In-house attorneys will receive free tuition credit (15 hours of CLE), free lodging (in MSU dorm rooms), free meals on Thursday and Friday, and reimbursement for mileage incurred from their home office to Bozeman and return. Your regional administrator will provide details.

Private attorneys and investigators. You are encouraged to attend. You will receive free tuition (15 hours of CLE) plus free meals on Thursday and Friday. Additionally, you can book an MSU dorm room for a fee than lower hotel rates.



STEPHEN B. BRIGHT has taught courses on the death penalty and criminal law at Harvard, Yale, Emory, Georgetown, and other leading law schools. President of the Southern Center for Human Rights, in Atlanta, Georgia, Steve has spent a lifetime fighting for civil rights and to improve access to lawyers and the legal system for poor people accused of crimes.

Welcome

On July 1, 2006 — for the first time in our state's history — indigent public defender services in Montana will be consolidated into a central, coordinated system. As part of the transition process I am pleased to invite all of Montana's Public Defenders and investigators to the first annual Montana Public Defender Summer Training Conference.

This orientation conference is intended to assist all of us in developing a clear understanding of the goals and objectives of the Montana Public Defender Act and to demonstrate to each of you that the central office staff and I are fully committed to providing you with every resource you need to achieve the highest possible level of confidence and proficiency as you undertake to represent Montana's indigent clientele.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Bozeman.

Randi Hood
Chief Public Defender

Montana Faculty

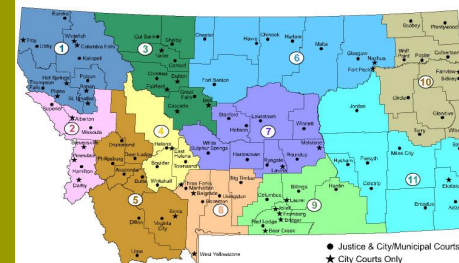
Prof Jim Taylor (University of Montana School of Law) is Chairman of the Montana Public Defender Commission.

Dan Donovan has been one of Montana's foremost criminal defense attorneys for 30 years.

Bill Hooks (moderator of panel discussion) is a leading capital defense litigator and former Chief Montana Appellate Defender.

Kristina Neal is the Regional Administrator for Region 3 (Cascade, Toole, Glacier, Teton) and a former Montana Appellate Defender.

THE MONTANA PUBLIC DEFENDERS ORIENTATION CONFERENCE



**Strand Union
Building
(Grand Ballroom)**

**Montana State
University,
Bozeman, Montana**

**7 PM, Wednesday, July 12, 2006
through
4:45 PM, Friday, July 14, 2006**

**The Montana Public Defenders
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Butte, Montana 59701**

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Faculty

SUNWOLF, J.D., M.A., Ph.D., is a veteran of many roles within the justice system (law school faculty, litigation attorney, trial consultant), serving on trial advocacy faculties nationally. A former Training Director for the Colorado Public Defenders, her award-winning research examines the dynamics of what really happens inside juryrooms.

An enrolled member of the Canoe Paddler Band of the Assiniboine Tribe (Fort Peck), **NELL EBY** is a recognized expert in the field of cultural competency and is a frequent speaker on that topic at both state and national events.

Professor **STEVE DRIZIN** is Legal Director of the Center on Wrongful Convictions at Northwestern University Law School. His strident advocacy helped convince the U.S. Supreme Court to strike down the juvenile death penalty in *Roeper v. Simmons*. He has written and spoken extensively on the topic of false confessions.

SUSAN STEFAN, an attorney with the Center for Public Representation in Newton, Massachusetts is one of the country's most highly regarded advocates in mental disability law.

ROBERT HOXTER, Sr. is a senior investigator with more than 30 years of criminal investigation experience as a San Diego (CA) law enforcement officer and as chief investigator for the Cascade County (MT) Public Defenders.

Agenda (Wednesday & Thursday)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2006

4:30 P.M.- 7:00 P.M. **ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION (Dinner on your own)**

7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. **WELCOME TO THE MONTANA STATE DEFENDER SYSTEM**

8:00 – 9:00: **Film: “Defending Life in the Death Belt”**

A close up look at the life of a capital defender

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2006

8:00 – 8:30 AM: **INTRODUCTION and OVERVIEW OF CONFERENCE AGENDA**

8:30 – 10:30: **GOT JURY? RADICAL JURY THINKING: NEW TOOLS, NEW RULES, NEW QUESTIONS, NEW MOTIONS, NEW OUTCOMES**

10:45 – 12:15: **TRY IT? (OR PLEAD IT?): THE TACTICAL, PRACTICAL & ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS OF PLEA AGREEMENTS (A Panel Discussion)**

Lunch (Provided)

1:00 – 2:30: **CULTURAL COMPETENCY IN PUBLIC DEFENDER PRACTICE**

2:45 – 4:15: **BEHAVIORAL CONSEQUENCES OF FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME**

7:00 PM: **DINNER (provided)**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: STEVE BRIGHT

“Insights into Making a Difference”

Faculty

STEVE RENCH claims public defenders can – and should – win jury trials five to ten times more often than they do. His claim is incredible . . . until you realize that he has proven what he preaches. Past training director of the Colorado Public Defender office, he is on the faculty of the National Criminal Defense College, the Texas Defenders, the NLADA, the Western Trial Advocates Institute, Gerry Spence’s Trial College, and just about every other trial training program that works..

SUSAN GONZALES (DOCTOR) is a faculty member at the National College of Juvenile and Family Court Judges in Reno, Nevada. She is one of the nation’s leading researchers in the study of fetal alcohol

Agenda (Friday)

8:15 – 11:30: **INVESTIGATION/ PRACTICE STANDARDS / TRIAL PREPARATION**

Lunch (provided)

12:30– 2:00: **TRUE LIES AND FALSE CONFESSIONS**

2:15 – 3:45: **MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY & THE DUTY OF LOYALTY**

4:00 – 4:45: **SOME QUICK TIPS FOR AVOIDING I.A.C. CLAIMS**